

# Rapid Port Enhancement for the TSV Overview

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# Rapid Port Enhancement for the TSV

- **New Army Science and Technology Objective (STO # IV.EN.2003.04 )**
- **Presently only funded at 6.2 level**
- **4 year effort started in FY 03**

Sponsor Agencies:

DPMO, MSBL



# RPE Team

- Coastal & Hydraulics Laboratory – ERDC
- Geotechnical & Structures Laboratory – ERDC
- Quantum Engineering Design, Inc
- Alion Inc.



# Additional Members



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# Director, Internal Pressures (DIP)



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# RPE R&D Program



This is our Focus

# RPE R&D Components

## **Presently Funded Efforts:**

**Lightweight Modular Causeway Development**

**Small Sea Port Characterization Methodology**

**Throughput Model Development**

## **Proposed Unfunded Efforts:**

**Near Shore Breakwater**

**Expedient Dredging**

**Rapid Pier Repair/Upgrade**

**Waterside Security**





# RPE R&D Major Milestones

## *Rapid Port Enhancement for the Theater Support Vessel*

**FY04: Small Scale Lab Demonstration**

**FY 04 Integration of Egress/Ingress Port Algorithms**

**FY05: Fabrication of Scaled Causeway Model for Field Demo**

**Integration of Algorithms into Small Port Throughput Model**

**FY06: Scaled Field Demonstration of Causeway System and Modeling Capabilities/Small Port Tool-kit**

**FY06: Lightweight Causeway System ready for full scale (6.3) program/demonstration**



# Throughput Model Development

POCs: Green, Debra and Greg

Key Milestones:

- '03 Cluster Analysis of Small Ports
- '04 Computational framework for land/sea-based throughput analysis
- '05 Link sea/land modules for Small Port Throughput Model
- '06 **Validate Small Port Throughput Model**

***Small  
Port  
Throughput  
Model***



# Small Port Characterization Methodology

POC: Dr. Resio

Key Milestones:

- '04 Small Port Characterization/Classification System (SMPCCS)
- '05 Inferential System for Applying SMPCCS when data is lacking
- '06 Small Port Classification/Assessment Module



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# Lightweight Modular Causeway Section Development



POCs: Resio, Donald  
Fowler, Jimmy  
Pratt, James  
Ray, James  
Bevins, Tommy  
Plackett, Mike

- Many more small/medium ports available to TSV/HSV/HSC
- Many will not be immediately offload compatible and will require upgrade or access improvements
- Existing/planned causeway systems not transportable by TSV



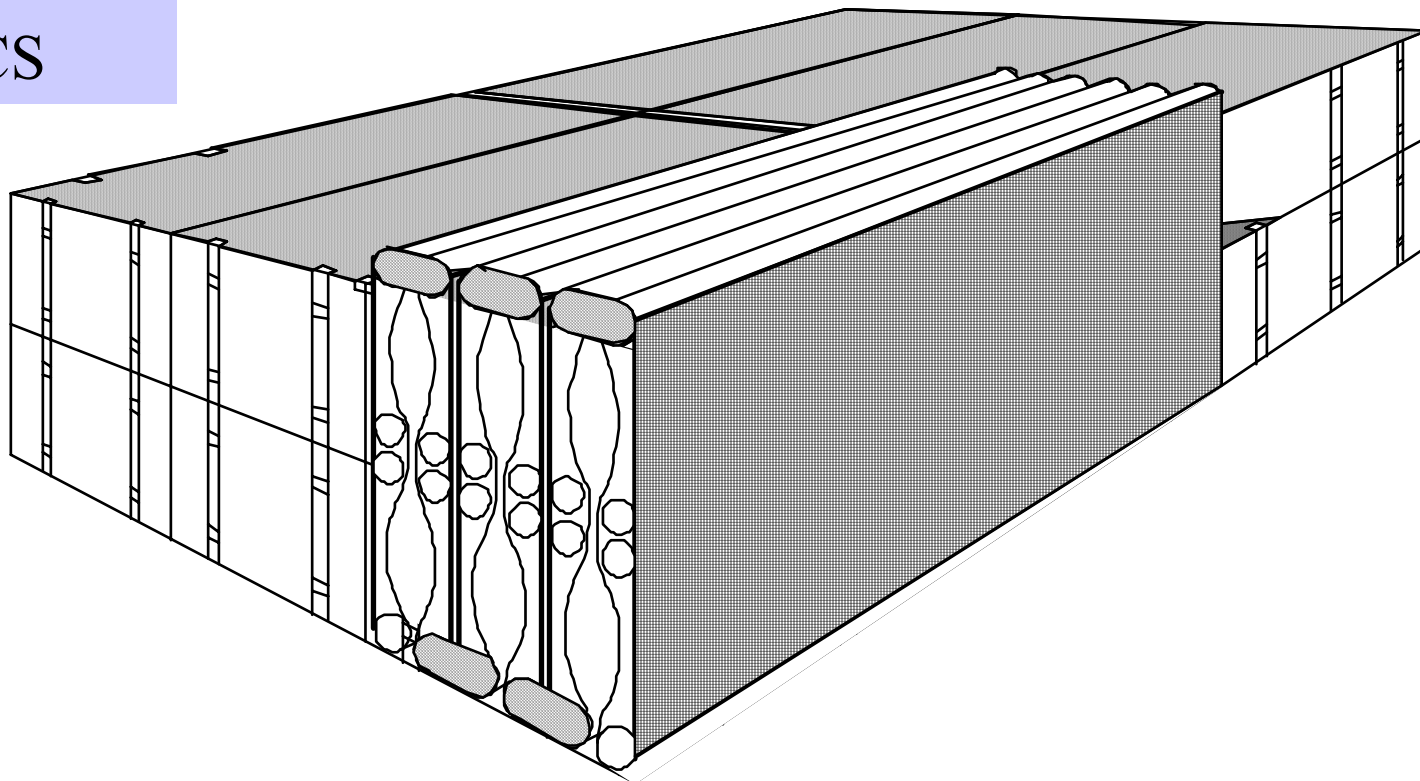
# Fixed Steel/Pneumatic Causeway Elements

	<b>Fixed Steel</b>	<b>Pneumatic</b>
<b>Volume</b>	<b>In-storage size must be sufficient to float causeway elements plus load</b>	<b>In-storage size must be sufficient to float causeway element only</b>
<b>Strength/Weight</b>	<b>Deck load must be conveyed to sides and bottom</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- requires thick deck/internal bracing</li><li>- more freeboard means significantly more weight</li></ul>	<b>Deck load is supported on top of pneumatic tube</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- greatly reduces deck thickness requirement</li><li>- more freeboard does not require significantly more weight</li></ul>
<b>Draft</b>	<b>Fixed weight/volume means relatively large draft for beaching large capacity causeway elements</b>	<b>Reduced volume during deployment means less draft for beaching large capacity causeway elements</b>
<b>Configuration of traffic surface</b>	<b>Depends on bottom conditions/slopes at land-sea interface</b>	<b>Can be adjusted to improve trafficability</b>

# LMCS Comparison

80 ft MCS

60 ft LMCS



LMCS = 23% of the MCS storage volume  
= 33% of the MCS Weight  
= 100% of the MCS payload capacity



# Lightweight Modular Causeway Development

**POC: Resio/Fowler/Ray**

## **Planned Accomplishments with existing funds:**

**FY04: Small Scale Lab/Field Demonstration**

**FY05: Fabrication of Small Scale Causeway Model for Field Study**

**FY06: Small-Scale Field Demonstration of Causeway System and Modeling Capabilities**

**FY06: LMCS ready for transition to 6.3 Full Scale Development**

**FY09: Transition to SDD**

**FY10: Initial procurement of Lightweight Modular Causeway System**

**Other scenarios could accelerate procurement schedule**



# Concept Still Needs Work!

- Puncture/Wear Resistance
- Roll Stability
- Deployment/Recovery
- Ramps and Ramp Loads
- Mooring
- Trafficability/Wear Surface
- TSV-Interface Issues
- Life-Cycle Costs
- Force Structure Issues





A photograph of a sunset over the ocean. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that reflects on the water. Several birds are silhouetted against the sky, flying in a line across the middle of the frame. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a lighter orange near the horizon. The water is calm, with gentle waves visible near the shore on the right side.

Pratt: Design Considerations  
Bevins: Superstructure Concepts  
Plackett: Substructure Concepts

Photo: Duck, NC by D. Green

IPPD Team is being  
formed.

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